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<u>In Re Application of</u>	: August 22, 2001
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<u>Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING USAGE OF COMPUTER RESOURCES IN SCHEDULING OF APPLICATION TASKS</u>	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 22, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a CPA and Preliminary Amendment. The period for response to the Final Office Action is set to expire on August 22, 2001, and this is a response within the statutory period. In response to the issues raised in the Final Office Action, the Applicants wish to submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims, amend Claims 1 and 11 as set forth on the following pages.